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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//WHSSITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMIS.
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR FRY. NMCC//ATTENTION CIA
REP. TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL: 1600 HOURS SITUATION REPORT

REF : VARIOUS PRESS: [REDACTED]

ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION--MOST OF WHICH REMAINS PRESS SOURCE
REPORTING AND IS UNCONFIRMED--INDICATES THAT THE
OPPOSITIONS OF THE CAETANO REGIME HAVE CARRIED OUT A SUCCESSFUL
AND ALMOST BLOODLESS COUP.

THE REBELS WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE "ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT"
REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED FOR THE MOST PART. EXCEPT FOR LT. COL. CAMPOS
CORREIA WHO SUPPOSEDLY COMMANDED THE COUP ON THE GNR HEADQUARTERS
IN THE CAPITAL. CORREIRA IS OTHERWISE UNKNOWN.

2 PRESS REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT PRIME MINISTER CAETANO HAS
HANDS OVER ALL HIS POWERS TO GENERAL ANTONIO SPINOLA AND BROADCASTS

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ARE BEING MADE OVER LOUDSPEAKERS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLIC GUARD HEADQUARTERS THAT SPINOLA HAS TAKEN OVER THE GOVERNMENT FROM CAETANO. ACCORDING TO A CONFLICTING REPORT, SPINOLA REMAINS IN HIS HOME, REFUSES TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS, AND IS BEING GUARDED BY REBEL FORCES.

ACCORDING TO OTHER PRESS RELEASES, PRESIDENT THOMAZ AND THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR AND JUSTICE HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY, HAVING BEEN EVACUATED BY FORCES STILL LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT. IF THIS IS THE CASE THIS WOULD DECREASE THE PROSPECTS THAT THOMAZ WOULD DESIGNATE SPINOLA AND PUTS INTO QUESTION THE FUTURE LEGITIMACY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. THERE IS ANOTHER PRESS REPORT THAT CAETANO AND THOMAZ ARE TO LEAVE WITH SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS FOR EXILE IN MADEIRA.



1 MINOR SKIRMISHES HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED AND MESSAGES

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BROADCAST FROM THE "ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT" WARN THE POPULACE THAT THEY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PEOPLE STAYING HOME AND WILL DECLARE AND ENFORCE A CURFEW IF THE POPULACE DOES NOT VOLUNTARILY STAY OFF THE STREETS. SEVEN CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED THIS FAR. ALL BY STRAY BULLETS. E2 IMPDET.

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